

EDITOR & PUBLISHER
29 June 1968

New Left-Wing Paper Delayed Indefinitely

STAT

Simon W. Gerson, executive vicepresident of the projected new Communist party newspaper, the *Daily World*, has stated that the publication date set for June 23 has been indefinitely postponed.

He said, however, that a "trial run" is down for "about July 1."

Gerson, long associated with the Communist party in the management of its newspapers, including the defunct *Daily Worker* and the twice-weekly *Worker* that replaced it and is still being published pending appearance of the new daily, said merely that a failure in planning had caused the delay.

At the same time, Bertram A. Powers, president of New York Typographical Union No. 6, announced that the union membership had ratified a "contract implementation" that would permit a greater use of modern printing equipment in New York commercial printing shops. A commercial firm, Prompt Printing Press Inc., of 41 W. 25th St., prints the Communist publications under contract.

A union official said it would be incorrect to term the agreement "a new contract." He explained that it was more in the nature of an agreement to "implement" the use of machinery that had been tested. The ratification was taken at a union membership meeting Sunday, June 23.

Powers explained to union members that the use of modern machinery by the commercial shops was necessary if the industry in the city was to keep abreast of developments across the country. The agreement stipulated that no man employed by a commercial shop would be discharged because of the "automation."

It was also stipulated that the management was to give 1 percent of the gross revenue brought in by use of a new piece of equipment, compounded on the basis of the number of shifts during the day in which the machine was operated.

The money is to go into an account administered jointly by management and the union.

The union's contract with newspaper publishers calls for payments into a similar "automation fund" for use of certain equipment. The reserve in the fund has reached almost one million dollars.

MORI/CDF